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SUBJ: OUTER SPACE LEGAL -- INDIAN MOON TREATY PROPOSAL

INDIA HAS TABLED FOLLOWING TWO- PART PROPOSAL ON ECONOMIC RESOURCES.

QUOTE ARTICLE A

"1. THE MOON AND OTHER CELESIAL BODIES, THEIR SUBSOIL AS WELL AS THEIR RESOURCES, ARE THE COMMON HERITAGE OF MANKIND.

"2. STATES PARTIES UNDERTAKE TO ESTABLISH AN INTERNATIONAL REGIME FOR THE ORDERLY AND SAFE DEVELOPMENT AND RATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF THE RESOURCES OF THE MOON AND OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES AND THEIR SUBSOIL, AND FOR EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE USE THEREOF, AND TO ENSURE THE EQUITABLE SHARING BY ALL STATES IN THE BENEFITS DERIVED THEREFROM, TAKING INTO PARTICULAR CONSIDERATION THE INTERESTS AND NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

"3. EXPLOITATION OF THE RESOURCES OF THE MOON AND OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES AND THEIR SUBSOIL SHALL NOT BE DONE EXCEPT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL REGIME TO UNCLASSIFIED

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BE ESTABLISHED. FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE DEPOSITARY GOVERNMENTS SHALL CONVENE A CONFERENCE OF ALL STATES

PARTIES AT THE REQUEST OF ONE THIRD OF SUCH STATES. UNQTE

QUOTE ARTICLE B

"1. THE MOON AND OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES AND THEIR SUBSOIL, AS WELL AS THEIR RESOURCES, ARE NOT SUBJECT TO NATIONAL APPROPRIATION BY CLAIM OF SOVEREIGNTY, BY MEANS OF USE OR OCCUPATION, OR BY ANY OTHER MEANS. NO SUCH APPROPRIATION SHALL BE RECOGNIZED AS LEGAL.

"2. NEITHER STATES, INTERNATIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL OR NON- GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS HAVING THE STATUS OF JURIDICAL PERSONS OR NOT, NOR NATURAL PERSONS, SHALL CLAIM THE SURFACE OR SUB- SURFACE OF THE MOON OR OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES, OR PARTS THEREOF, OR THEIR RESOURCES, AS THEIR PROPERTY OR APPROPRIATE THEM BY ANY MEANS. THE PLACEMENT OF PERSONNEL, SPACE VEHICLES, EQUIPMENT, FACILITIES, STATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS ON OR BELOW THE SURFACE OF THE MOON OR OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES INCLUDING STRUCTURES CONNECTED WITH THEIR SURFACE OR SUB- SURFACE, SHALL NOT CREATE A RIGHT OF OWNERSHIP OVER THE SURFACE OR SUB- SURFACE OF THE MOON OR OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES OR PARTS THEREOF. NO SUCH CLAIMS OR APPROPRIATION OR OWNERSHIP SHALL BE RECOGNIZED AS LEGAL.

"3. THE SURFACE OR SUB- SURFACE OF THE MOON OR OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES, OR PARTS THEREOF, SHALL NOT BE THE OBJECT OF GRANT, EXCHANGE, TRANSFER, SALE OR PURCHASE, LEASE, HIRE, GIFT OR ANY OTHER ARRANGEMENTS OR TRANSACTIONS WITH OR WITHOUT COMPENSATION BETWEEN STATES, INTERNATIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND NON- GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS OR NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS HAVING THE STATUS OF JURIDICAL PERSONS OR NOT, OR OF ARRANGEMENTS OR TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN NATURAL PERSONS. UNQTE.
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